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BEACH VOLLEYBALL**

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Athlete - Sport Selection Policy and Standards

The information in this Selection Policy is accurate as at January 2022 but remains subject to change. As a result of the unique and extenuating circumstances caused by COVID-19 and the subsequent impact on international sporting calendars, Commonwealth Games Scotland (CGS) and Scottish Volleyball will be closely monitoring this Selection Policy to determine if any changes are necessary.




For the avoidance of doubt, CGS reserves the right to amend this Selection Policy in any manner, and at the sole and absolute discretion of CGS, should CGS consider that the qualification process would be fairer having regard to the interests of all Athletes and the prevailing circumstances.

In addition, CGS and Scottish Volleyball reserve the right not to apply any aspect of this Selection Policy when making any decision, if in the sole and absolute discretion of CGS, it would, as judged by CGS, be unfair or unreasonable not to, provided always that CGS has regard to the interests of all Athletes in the prevailing circumstances.

1 Introduction

- 1.1 This selection policy has been agreed by Scottish Volleyball and Commonwealth Games Scotland (CGS). It provides detail on the process by which Scottish Volleyball will arrive at Athlete nominations, which will be submitted to CGS for consideration, for final selection to Team Scotland for Birmingham 2022.
- 1.2 Achievement, by an Athlete, of individual selection standards, as detailed in this document, is therefore the first step by which nomination can be considered. The final decision in selection to the 2022 Games lies with CGS.
- 1.3 Scottish Volleyball will nominate only those Athletes who have qualified under both the Beach Volleyball Specific Selection Standards stated below, and the CGS General Selection Policy (available on the CGS website) that should be read in conjunction with these standards
- 1.4 Entry numbers per event and the overall number of Athletes are in accordance with Commonwealth Games Federation (CGF) allocation and should more Athletes achieve the standards then Scottish Volleyball will prioritise in accordance with this policy

2 Team Scotland General Selection Policy Aim

- 2.1 Scotland selects a team that performs with distinction in 2022:
 -  Having a higher percentage of athletes meeting the selection standards when in competition at these Games than in 2018.
 -  Meeting the stated performance aims of each sport at the Games.
 -  With all Team members having a positive experience within Team Scotland at the Games

2.2 This Beach Volleyball policy is consistent with the aim.

3 Athlete Eligibility

- 3.1 The eligibility criteria of the CGF Constitution and Byelaws, must be met by all nominees, see Appendix 1
- 3.2 Where prospective team members do not automatically comply with the above, they will only be nominated for final selection if they receive prior approval from the CGF under their guidelines

4 Games Competition Format

- 4.1 Women's Medal Event (1) & Men's Medal Event (1)
- 4.2 One CGA entry per event (2 Athletes 1 Team)
- 4.3 Team Tournament

5 Sport Specific Selection Standards and Framework

The Beach Volleyball Athlete Allocation System includes four (4) key methods of qualification.

The Host CGA shall be issued with the maximum allocation of athlete-slots, being one (1) Team per medal event.

(5.1a) Direct Qualification	(5.1b) Continental Representation
Following the award of the Host CGA slot, the top five (5) CGA Nations on the FIVB World Ranking (Men and Women) as at 31 st March 2022 will earn direct qualification.	The top CGA Nation from the four (4) FIVB Regions of AVC, CAVB, CEV and NORCECA/CSV+ Oceania (1), as defined by CGF not otherwise qualified through the Host CGA or Direct Qualification will qualify one slot to be awarded to the CGA determined by the highest placed CGA from the designated regional event.

- 5.2 In order for the Athletes or pairs to gain selection to Team Scotland it is necessary to evidence performances showing the potential to place in the top six in the Games
- 5.3 Any Athlete or pair receiving an invitation to compete from section 5.1a above will be deemed to have met the Team Scotland standard and be considered for nomination.
- 5.4 Any Athlete or pair receiving an invitation to compete from section 5.1b or Bipartite Invitation will also be required to achieve one or more of the following standards to be considered for nomination:
- a) A ranking in the top 200 Federation Internationale de Volleyball (FIVB) world team rankings or in the top 100 Association of Volleyball Professional (AVP) rankings between 1st March 2021 and 31st March 2022.

- b) Success, demonstrated by at least two wins during the period of 1st March 2021 to 31st March 2022, against;

Pairs holding a top 200 ranking in the FIVB world team rankings, via published results from head-to-head competition in recognised FIVB event(s) or non-homologised National Tour event(s)*, main draw or qualification.

Association of Volleyball Professional (AVP) pairs holding a top 200 ranking in the FIVB world team rankings or teams comprising of Athletes within top T-100 AVP ranking, via published results from head to head competition in recognised AVP event(s)**, main draw or qualification.

- c) Exceptional performance within FIVB World tour (1*-5*) or FIVB Beach Pro Tour (Futures, Challenge or Elite 16) event, finishing 5th or medal standing at the event during the period of 1st March 2021 to 31st March 2022.

* NF Senior National Tour.

** AVP Gold Series, AVP Next series (AVP events with national ranking points or qualification and seeding towards AVP Pro Tour).

5.5 Selection Period; 1st March 2021 – 31st March 2022

5.5.1 If required achievements will be considered between 1st January 2021 and 28th February 2021

5.6 Prioritisation process

5.6.1 If more Athletes meet the standard than are eligible to compete Priority is given to Athletes receiving an invitation to compete from section 5.1a, secondly to Athletes achieving the greatest number of the standards and thirdly Athletes receiving an invitation to compete from section 5.1b.

5.7 Reserves

Scottish Volleyball will identify two reserve Athletes per gender

5.7.1 In discussion with CGS reserve Athlete(s) must meet the Sport Specific Selection Standards.

6 Other Factors for Consideration

6.1 Athletes must be a member of Scottish Volleyball

6.2 Adherence to the performance programme and performance behaviours

6.3 Commitment of athletes to preparing and competing for Scotland

6.4 All other non FIVB recognised tournament/event results. (Athletes must provide appropriate information to Scottish Volleyball within the timeline)

6.5 Illness or injury

6.6 Disciplinary history & adherence to relevant Scottish Volleyball member and athlete codes of conduct/agreement

7 Selection Process

- 7.1 All nominated Athletes must have completed the required Anti-doping education
- 7.2 The Scottish Volleyball nomination panel will consist of Scottish Volleyball Performance Head Coach and two (2) nominated members from the Scottish Volleyball Board (1) and Performance Management Group (1) who are not involved in any appeals process
- 7.3 CGF Athlete Allocation System deadlines

Timeline	
31 st March 2022	Host CGA slot awarded (<i>see Section 5</i>) FIVB World Ranking qualification date for the purposes of determining the selected CGAs through Direct Qualification Continental Representation events to determine five (5) qualification slots per medal event
4 th April 2022	CGF to confirm in writing qualified CGAs through Direct Qualification on behalf of FIVB and CGF
7 th April 2022	CGF to confirm in writing qualified CGAs through Continental Representation
21 st April 2022	CGAs to confirm in writing acceptance of qualified slots through Direct Qualification & CGAs to confirm in writing acceptance of qualified slots through Continental Representation.

- 7.4 Scottish Volleyball will submit their final nominations to CGS by Friday 29th April 2022. CGS will confirm final selections by 15th May 2022.
- 7.5 Final selection to the Games team is dependent on provision of relevant information required by CGS such as completion and signing of the CGF Eligibility form and CGS Team Member Agreement

8 De-Selection

- 8.1 Anti-doping - Athletes suspended by their Governing Body as a result of ongoing or concluded anti-doping rules violations allegations, will not be considered for selection, and if previously selected will be deselected from the Birmingham 2022 team.
- 8.2 Injury Management

Where injury issues are identified at or after selection, a fitness test may be used to determine that the Athlete is capable of performing to the level that they were selected for at the Games. The format will be determined by CGS after discussion with the Beach Volleyball Team Management. This will be specific to Beach Volleyball and the Athlete's condition and may include input from CGS medical staff. Any selection or

de-selection decision, following such a test, will be made by CGS after discussion with the Beach Volleyball Team Management and will be final.

- 8.3 Athletes in breach of CGS policies, code of conduct and team agreement may be de-selected.

9 Appeal Process

- 9.1 Scottish Volleyball will notify all potential nominees in writing of the players nominated to CGS by Monday 11th April 2022. Athletes who have not been nominated may appeal against their non-nomination. This must be a written appeal, including the grounds upon which the appeal is made, and be submitted and received by the Chief Executive of Scottish Volleyball via email to margaretann@scottishvolleyball.org by 12:00 noon on Thursday 14th April 2022. Any appeal will be considered by an appeals panel independent of the Scottish Volleyball nominations panel. The appeals panel will consist of the Scottish Volleyball CEO and two (2) Scottish Volleyball board members by Monday 18th April 2022 with Athletes informed, in writing, of the outcome on Tuesday the 19th April 2022
- 9.2 An appeal against non-nomination to CGS by Scottish Volleyball is entirely a matter for the member and Scottish Volleyball. This should be held in accordance with Scottish Volleyball's own appeal procedures, whilst taking into consideration only the CGS selection policy and agreed sport specific selections standards and conditions
- 9.3 An appeal against CGS non-selection on behalf of an athlete may only be submitted by Scottish Volleyball and not by any individual Athlete. If an appeal is submitted to CGS by Scottish Volleyball, a CGS Appeal Panel will consider the case along with any additional information provided. The appeal must be made by email to jon.doig@teamsotland.scot within one week of notification of selection outcomes to Scottish Volleyball by CGS.

10 Appointment of Team Staff

A Team Manager will be appointed by CGS in consultation with Scottish Volleyball by December 2020. The final complement of Beach Volleyball team staff attending the Games will ultimately depend upon team numbers and composition and will be determined by CGS in consultation with Scottish Volleyball. This will include different categories of accreditation and access to the Games Village and other secure areas.

Appendix 1

CGF Byelaw 17 Eligibility
<p>1. It is the responsibility of all Affiliated CGAs to ensure that their competitors are fully aware of and comply with Byelaw 17.</p>
<p>2. Primacy</p>
<p>2.1 Subject to Byelaw 17(4) 17(5) 17(6) and 17(7), a competitor shall be eligible to represent the Commonwealth Country which enters them where they satisfy at least one of the following requirements:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">a) Are in possession of a current valid passport of the Commonwealth Country which enters them; <p>or</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">b) Are a subject who can demonstrate 'Belonger Status' in Great Britain or relevant British Overseas Territory of the Commonwealth Country which enters themc) In respect of the following Affiliated CGAs: -<ul style="list-style-type: none">i. Guernsey, Jersey, and Isle of Man. The governments of these three Crown Dependencies do not define citizenship. For these Affiliated CGAs, citizenship shall be defined as three (3) years continuous residency immediately prior to the Commonwealth Games. For the avoidance of doubt, the immediately prior three-year period shall mean the three-year period that immediately precedes the "final entries deadline"* date of the relevant Games as determined by the respective Organising Committee ("Continuous Residency") and the competitor must be in possession of a current valid UK passport.ii. Northern Ireland. Byelaw 17 will defer to the Belfast Agreement (1998). Northern Ireland athletes who meet birth right criteria are to be treated equally regardless of their possession of either a current valid UK or Irish passport (but must hold one of these). This right is enshrined within the Constitution Issues (iv) of the 1998 Belfast Agreement.iii. Norfolk Island. Any individual who was in possession of a current valid New Zealand passport and was also deemed eligible to compete at the Gold Coast 2018 Commonwealth Games for Norfolk Islands may continue to compete for Norfolk Islands at future iterations of the Games.
<p>3. Secondary</p>
<p>3.1 Subject to Byelaw 17(4) 17(5) 17(6) and 17(7), where a competitor was born in a Commonwealth Country which has common citizenship/passport with other Commonwealth Countries, the competitor may represent either:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">a) the Commonwealth Country of their birth; <p>or</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">b) the Commonwealth Country of birth of their parent; <p>or</p>

- c) where the relevant IF recognises grandparents as part of its eligibility criteria, the competitor may represent the Commonwealth Country of birth of their grandparent;
- or
- d) the Commonwealth Country where they have completed a minimum period of three (3) years continuous residency immediately prior to the Commonwealth Games. For the avoidance of doubt, the immediately prior three-year period shall mean the three-year period that immediately precedes the “final entries deadline”* of the relevant Games as determined by the respective Organising Committee.
- 3.2 Subject to the other provisions of this Byelaw 17, where a competitor is eligible to represent more than one Affiliated CGA due to common passport privileges they may choose which Affiliated CGA to represent. For the avoidance of doubt, if an individual has competed at a Commonwealth Youth Games this will not be deemed to be a choice of country, and the competitor may choose to represent a different Affiliated CGA at a Commonwealth Games.
- 3.3 For the avoidance of doubt subject to Byelaw 17(4) and 17(5) any competitor of a common passport area who competes for their common passport country (i.e. Great Britain, New Zealand and Australia) at either the Olympic Games, Youth Olympic Games and/or any World Championships or any other major sporting event shall be entitled to choose to represent their home Affiliated CGA (e.g. Turks and Caicos) at the Commonwealth Games.

4. Disqualifications and Suspensions

- 4.1 A competitor shall not be eligible to represent the Commonwealth Country which enters them if they:
- a) are currently under disqualification, expulsion or suspension by the Federation;
- and/or
- b) are currently under disqualification, expulsion or suspension by their respective Affiliated CGA;
- and/or
- c) are currently under disqualification, expulsion or suspension by their respective IF, National Federation
- and/or
- d) are currently under disqualification or suspension under the World Anti-Doping Code.

5. Compliance with applicable rules and regulations

- 5.1 A competitor shall only be eligible to represent the Commonwealth Country which enters them if they:
- a) Satisfy and comply with all applicable rules and regulations of the Federation;
- and
- b) Satisfy and comply their respective IF rules and regulations (including but not limited to, complying with respective IF eligibility rules as applied within each respective edition of the Commonwealth Games Athlete Allocation Systems);
- and

- c) Satisfy and comply with the World Anti-Doping Code as applied within the Federation Anti-Doping Standard to ensure that the overriding principles of the Commonwealth Games are observed.

5.2 For the avoidance of doubt, where there is an inconsistency between respective IF Nationality rules and regulations and those of the Commonwealth Games Federation, the Commonwealth Games Federation Bye Law 17 shall prevail.

6. Transfer of Allegiance

6.1 After having established eligibility status under this Byelaw 17 a competitor who has previously represented one Commonwealth Country at a Commonwealth Games may not represent another Commonwealth Country unless they also receive the prior approval of the Federation, the relevant IF and the relevant previously represented Affiliated CGA. For the avoidance of doubt, this Byelaw shall not apply if an individual has represented a Commonwealth Country at a Commonwealth Youth Games. Applications under this Byelaw 17(6) must be submitted to the Executive Board two calendar months before the “final entries deadline”* for the respective Commonwealth Games. Applications must include formal confirmation of the prior approval of the relevant IF and the relevant previously represented Affiliated CGA.

6.2 All applications for transfer of allegiance under Byelaw 17(6) and/or discretionary eligibility dispensation under Byelaw 17(7) including all relevant paperwork and documentation must be submitted no later than two calendar months prior to the published “final entries deadline”*, as outlined by the respective Organising Committee.

7. Dispensations

7.1 The Executive Board shall delegate authority to the Governance and Integrity Committee (GIC) who have the power to grant dispensations to Byelaw 17 in exceptional circumstances and to consider any matters relating generally to Byelaw 17. Each application for dispensation under Byelaw 17 shall be considered on its own merits and will not create a precedent for any future applications. Decisions made by GIC are subject to the right of appeal directly to the Executive Board, whose decision shall be final and binding.

*“final entries deadline” means the final date that an individual athlete may be entered in a particular event(s) for the relevant Commonwealth Games, usually completed via an online entry system. Such date to be communicated for each relevant Commonwealth Games in the Sport Handbook.